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CHAPTER 190

## **SENATE BILL 1046**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-421, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-421, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-421. Governing board; members; qualifications; statement

5 A. The governing body of a school district shall be a governing  
6 board. There shall be three governing board members, except as otherwise  
7 provided by this section and section 15-425, subsection A.

8 B. The governing body of a high school district shall be a governing  
9 board composed of:

10 1. In a single district, the governing board members of the common  
11 school district.

12 2. In a union high school district, five members.

13 C. A person who is a registered voter of this state and has been a  
14 resident of the school district for AT LEAST one year immediately preceding  
15 the day of election is eligible for election to the office of governing board  
16 member.

17 D. No employee of a school district or the spouse of such employee may  
18 hold membership on a governing board of a school district by which such  
19 employee is employed.

20 E. A member of one governing board is ineligible to be a candidate for  
21 nomination or election to or serve simultaneously as a member of any other  
22 governing board, except that a member of a governing board may be a candidate  
23 for nomination or election for any other governing board if the member is  
24 serving in the last year of a term of office. A member of a governing board  
25 shall resign the member's seat on the governing board before becoming a  
26 candidate for nomination or election to the governing board of any other  
27 school district, unless the member of the governing board is serving in the  
28 last year of a term of office.

29 F. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 15-511, EACH COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT  
30 SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE THE STATEMENT OF EACH CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR  
31 MEMBERSHIP ON A SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD LOCATED IN THE COUNTY. THE  
32 COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SHALL LIST EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT ON ITS WEBSITE  
33 FROM WHICH A LINK SHALL BE ESTABLISHED TO THE CANDIDATE'S NAME, WHICH SHALL  
34 LINK TO THE CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT AND PHOTOGRAPH. THE CANDIDATE SHALL SUBMIT  
35 THE STATEMENT TO THE PERSON AT THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE  
36 ASSIGNED TO MANAGE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS, AFTER NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION FROM  
37 THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE BUT NOT LATER THAN TWENTY-ONE DAYS  
38 BEFORE THE DATE THAT GENERAL ELECTION EARLY BALLOTS ARE ALLOWED TO BE MAILED.  
39 THE PERSON SHALL POST EACH CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT ON THE COUNTY SCHOOL  
40 SUPERINTENDENT'S WEBSITE NOT LATER THAN FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE THE DATE THAT  
41 GENERAL ELECTION EARLY BALLOTS ARE ALLOWED TO BE MAILED. IF A CANDIDATE DOES  
42 NOT SUBMIT A STATEMENT, THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S WEBSITE SHALL  
43 STATE "NO RESPONSE SUBMITTED" FOR THE CANDIDATE. THE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS  
44 SHALL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE ALPHABETICALLY BY EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BY  
45 CANDIDATE. THE CANDIDATE STATEMENT SHALL BE TYPEWRITTEN OR ELECTRONICALLY

1 SUBMITTED. THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SHALL POST THE STATEMENTS  
2 VERBATIM AS THEY ARE RECEIVED UNLESS A CANDIDATE REQUESTS IN WRITING THAT  
3 TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS BE CORRECTED. THE CANDIDATE STATEMENT SHALL CONTAIN THE  
4 FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THE SAME SIZE AND FORMAT FOR EACH CANDIDATE:  
5 1. A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CANDIDATE.  
6 2. A STATEMENT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED WORDS.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 8, 2007.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 9, 2007.